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SUBJ : CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: VIEWS OF DEPUTY DAM VAN QUY

1. IN INTERVIEW APPEARING SEPTEMBER 25 EDITION CHANH DAO NORTHERN MONTAGNARD FROM TUYEN DUC AND HIGHEST RANKING ARVN MEMBER OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, COL. DAM VAN QUY, EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS ON FUTURE CONSTITUTION:
A) IN ORDER TO ASSURE STRONG EXECUTIVE A PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM SHOULD BE ADOPTED. OTHER NEWLY-INDEPENDENT NATIONS HAVE FOLLOWED THIS PATTERN.

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B) THE UNITED STATES MODEL SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE TO VIET NAM ALTHOUGH SOME MODIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO LEGISLATURE AND EXECUTIVE ARE DESIRABLE.
C) PRESIDENT SHOULD BE ELECTED BY DIRECT POPULAR VOTE FOR SIX YEAR TERM. CANNOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO TERMS. CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY MUST BE AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD, VIETNAMESE CITIZEN BY BIRTH AND RESIDENT FOR 10 YEARS.
D) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF SENATE AND HOUSE WITH TWO SENATORS FROM EACH PROVINCE AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN HOUSE BASED ON PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. QUY PROPOSES SIX YEAR TERM FOR SENATORS AND THREE YEARS FOR CONGRESSMEN.
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